

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
storing an address for each of a plurality of services;
assigning one of a plurality of types with each web
service;
associating one or more of said plurality of types to an
application;
in response to a client running the application, sending a
list identifying one or more services assigned with the one or
more types associated with the application; and
in response to the user selecting one of the one or more
services in the list, redirecting the client to the selected
service.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the address is a URL
(Uniform Resource Locator).
3. The method of claim 1, wherein each address is stored
in an entry in a table.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein additional information
relating to the service is stored in the service entry in the
table.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said redirecting the client browser comprises generating a URL call.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the URL call is in an OCI/OPI-compliant format.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
opening a new browser at the client for the selected service.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an OCI/OPI-compliant response from the service.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
in response to receiving the list at the client,
displaying at the client an identifier for each of the one or more services in the list;

10. A system comprising:; A system comprising:
a server including

a plurality of applications, each application
associated with one or more service types, and

a table including a number of entries, each entry
including an address for an external web service and a
service type assigned to the external web service;

a plurality of clients, each client including a browser;
a first networked communication system operative to enable communication between the server and the plurality of clients;
a second networked computer system operative to enable communication between the plurality of clients and external web services; and
an integration module operative to:
 in response to a client opening one of the applications, sending a list identifying one or more external web services assigned with the one or more types associated with the application; and
 in response to the user selecting one of said web services, redirecting the client browser to the selected web service.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the address is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

12. The system of claim 10, wherein the integration module is an API (Application Programming Interface).

13. The system of claim 10, wherein the first networked communication system is an enterprise portal.

14. The system of claim 10, wherein the second networked communication system is the World Wide Web.

15. The system 10, wherein the each entry in the table includes additional information about the corresponding external web service.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein the integration module is operative to generate a URL call to the selected external web service from the entry in the table corresponding to the selected external web service.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the URL call is in an OCI/OPI-compliant format.

18. The system of claim 10, wherein the integration module is operative to receive a response from the selected external web service in an OCI/OPI-compliant format.

19. An article comprising a machine-readable medium including machine-executable instructions operative to cause a machine to:

store an address for each of a plurality of services;

assign one of a plurality of types with each web service;

associate one or more of said plurality of types to an application;

in response to a client running the application, send a list identifying one or more services assigned with the one or more types associated with the application; and

in response to the user selecting one of the one or more services in the list, redirect the client to the selected service.